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## WAS SLAVERY A VAST SCHOOL?

"That slavery was a vast school, in which a superior race trained an inferior one in the fundamentals of civilization, was the contention of Prof. C. S. Boucher of the department of history at Washington University, in an address on 'The Old Regime and the New in the South,' Monday afternoon in Graham Memorial Chapel.

"The best results for both whites and blacks, Prof. Boucher believes, can only be obtained by a more sympathetic relationship between both races. 'A revival of the plantation system,' Prof. Boucher declared, 'based on free labor instead of slavery,' is accomplishing much in some districts of the South today.

"Prof. Boucher's lecture was the sixth of the current series of extension lectures being given by the faculty of Washington University."

We quote from the "Globe-Democrat" an abbreviated account of Prof. Boucher's lecture on "The Old and New Regime in the South," delivered at the Washington University Monday afternoon. Prof. Boucher should be named Prof. Butcher, for he certainly butchers history and moral philosophy at the same time. He says, "Slavery was a vast school where the superior race trained the inferior one in the fundamentals of civilization."

We wonder if holding a man as a chattel is a fundamental of civilization, or is it "a wild and guilty phantasy," as declared by Lord Brougham, who also said, "There is a higher law written by the finger of God upon the heart of every man." It would seem that nothing of the kind was written upon the heart of Prof. Boucher.

Was separating parents and children, wives and husbands, among the fundamentals of civilization? "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Was making the South a hotbed of bastardy and subjecting colored women and maidens to the beastly lusts of their masters "civilization"? Are unrequited toil, squalor and enforced ignorance promoters of civilization? Are the thrum and the lash civilizing instruments?

No, Professor, slavery kept the Negro back two centuries and threw the white Southerner back nearly a thousand years.

We challenge Prof. Boucher to cite one nation in the known world, civilized or barbarous, where brutalities as hideous and demonic are committed as the master race in the South committed upon the Negro. When the Jews were driven into the Tower of London and had to cast out their children to the bloody mob to save their lives, when the Jews were taken and Chinese women ravished and then fastened to the floor by bayonets stuck into them; when Kosaks disembodied Jews at Kishinev, and when Bulgarians tossed infants up and caught them on the point of their bayonets, the civilized world cried "Horror!"

But when Sam Hose was burned alive in Georgia, his eyes burned out with torturing irons and his body dismembered; when, not long ago in Mississippi, a Negro was nailed in a pine box, saturated with oil and set on fire, scarcely a single note of condemnation was heard anywhere in the land. This moral callousness is an awful condition for a people to exhibit who claim to be civilized.

So you see, Professor, slavery cursed the white man and retarded the Negro. It still hangs over the South like a nightmare; it debasifies its moral and intellectual energies; it warps men's capacities for thought; just as it has injured Prof. Boucher's, who cannot see that oppression is not advancement and that the oppressor cannot hold the oppressed down unless he wallows in the mire with him. The South is down, morally, and not up yet, but the Negro is rising.

Slavery was not a blessing. It set the clock of the South back. It was a curse to the Negro and the South, for which we paid in millions of lives and billions of money.

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2. Invocation.....Rev. B. W. Stewart
3. Congregational singing—"The Battle Hymn of the Republic".....Capt. C. H. Tandy
4. "J. Milton Turner's Public Service".....J. Arthur Freeman
5. Solo—"Far Not Yet, O Israel".....Philip Houston Murray
6. "A Testimonial".....Judge George H. Shields
7. Music.....George B. Vashon
8. Tribute.....Homer G. Phillips
9. "Eulogy".....Judge D. P. Dyer
10. Music.....Homer G. Phillips
11. "J. Milton Turner as an Inspiration to the Later Generation".....Homer G. Phillips
12. Music.....Homer G. Phillips
13. Tribute.....Homer G. Phillips
14. Congregational singing—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again".....Homer G. Phillips
15. "Proposition of a Permanent Memorial to James Milton Turner," introduced by James S. Shaffer and supported by Prof. J. O. W. Alexander, Dr. C. H. Phillips, Jr., A. W. Lloyd, Geo. L. Vaughn, Dr. T. A. Curtis and others.

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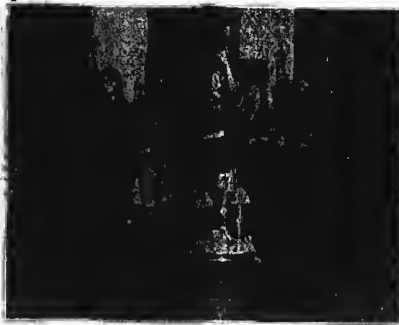
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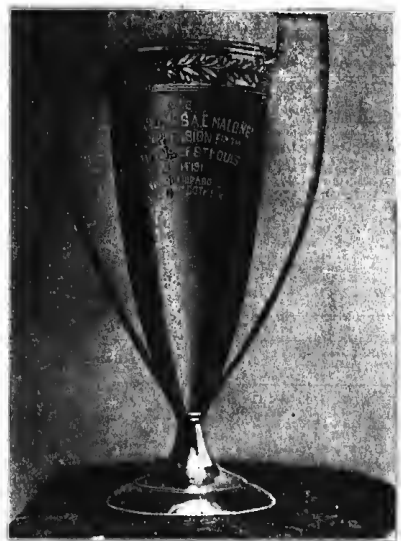
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